



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 115 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 115 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

One applicant, Donald Dickerson, lacked sufficient driving experience during the 3-year period prior to the date of his application.

The following 21 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Michael Meke-Eze	Garn J. Hickam	Kasey L. Tanner
David M. Krause	Mohamed Sannoh	James J. Perkins
Michael R. Morgan	Daniel Ponce	William N. Wheeler
Alexander D. Avery	Amanda Upchurch	Glen Stryker
Alan J. Chmielews	David W. Cox	Donald F. Evans
Kevie D. Clark	Dean A. Saaranen	Frank Ferrara
Shatisha Y. Tharrinton	David L. Stout	Michael B. Timmins

The following 28 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Russell Burden	Ian D. Holbin	Dennis Yost	Gregory Chiropolos
Norvan Brown	Boyd M. Kinzer, Jr.	Alex P. Makhanov	Ronnie G. Lynn
Eddie R. Del Angel	Michael Hamm	Lonnie L. Tinch	Malinda N. Parks
George E. Gross	Kenneth P. Nichols	Jessie A. Tanner	Mark Smith
Wayne Figroid	Nicholas E. Lemaster	Gabirl A. Natale	Stephen C. Linardos
Darrell E. Graumann	Terry Kenne	Martin C. Baschab	Dani A. Alvarez
Heidi J. Morse	Brandon R. Ferguson	Donald Hooper	Shawn L. Smith

The following 12 applicants did not have 3 years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Joshua H. Boatright	Dean L. Christenson	Rudolph J. McPhearson	Anthony Bartel
Domingo V. Perez	George R. Boutin	Saint Marc Louis	Ronald Bounds
James F. Blush	Eugene P. Fournier	Edgar Daye	Paul L. Baker

The following 7 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Steve Volden	Michael E. Mellon	Terry Blair
Alan D. Mohoric	Cesar Villa	
Victor Kitchen	Larry Allen	

The following 4 applicants had their commercial driver's license suspended during the 3-year review period for moving violations. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the 3-year period:

William C. Pinson	Stephen R. Marshall
Wayne L. Green	James A. Fassbender

The following 6 applicants were denied for miscellaneous/multiple reasons:

Paul Kissner, Jr.	Richard Wilson	Lucio Nieves
Nery Madera	David Traylor	Dewey W. Justice

The following applicant, William J. Hoitsma, Jr., was denied because his vision was not stable for the entire 3-year period.

The following applicant, Kentucky J. Coby, was denied because he does not meet the vision standard in the better eye.

The following 9 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Richard Kreye	Victor Ramirez	David M. Taylor
Virgil L. Adams	Dale Crumb	Dwight Hicks
Hamidullah Khan	Henry DeLaRosa	Robert H. White

The following 19 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Ronald Baker	Mark Birkins	Joel G. Allard
Lee H. Freeman, Jr.	Marshall J. Desadier	Donald D. Barnett, Jr.
Ronald R. Detwiler	Jason Butcher	Brent A. Torrey
Diana L. Bartlow	Michael Layher	Harold Johnson

Akbar Roohani	James Troxler	Thomas B. Bliven
Danny Michael Harris	Sebastian G. Jachymiak	Tomas J. Ortega
Richard Karbo		

Finally, the following 7 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

William M. Bugbee	Joseph Okolowski	Charlie C. Kimmel
Albert E. Richan	Gary S. Carrol	Julianne M. Kaeser
Gregory K. Moon		

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